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## (2-Pyridyl)[5-(2-pyridylcarbonyl)-2pyridyl]methanone

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T=293 \mathrm{~K}$; mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.003 \AA$; disorder in main residue; $R$ factor $=0.058 ; \omega R$ factor $=0.177$; data-to-parameter ratio $=16.2$.

In the centrosymmetric title compound, $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}$, the dihedral angle between the central and pendant pyridyl rings is $50.29(9)^{\circ}$. In the crystal, molecules stack along the $a$ axis by $\pi-\pi$ interactions between the pyridine rings with centroidcentroid distances of 3.845 (2) $\AA$. The N atom and one of the C atoms of the central ring are disordered by symmetry.

## Related literature

For studies on other pyridinyl-based methanone species, see: Papaefstathiou \& Perlepes (2002); Dendrinou-Samara et al. (2003); Crowder et al. (2004); Chen et al. (2005); Wan et al. (2008).


## Experimental

Crystal data
$\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}$
$M_{r}=289.30$
Triclinic, $P \overline{1}$
$a=3.8453(13) \AA$
$b=8.447$ (3) A
$c=11.202(3) \AA$
$\alpha=108.672$ (6) ${ }^{\circ}$
$\beta=97.251(6)^{\circ}$
Data collection
Bruker APEXII CCD area-detector diffractometer
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2007)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.622, T_{\text {max }}=1.000$

## Refinement

$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.058 \quad 100$ parameters
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.177$
H -atom parameters constrained
$S=1.07$
1623 reflections
$\gamma=99.772(6)^{\circ}$
$V=333.29(19) \AA^{3}$
$Z=1$
Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
$\mu=0.10 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=293 \mathrm{~K}$
$0.60 \times 0.50 \times 0.29 \mathrm{~mm}$

2301 measured reflections 1623 independent reflections 1198 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$ $R_{\text {int }}=0.016$

Data collection: APEX2 (Bruker, 2007); cell refinement: APEX2 and SAINT (Bruker, 2007); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL and PLATON (Spek, 2009).

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## Comment

Di-2-pyridylmethanone has attracted great interest in recent years as it can exist in various forms in stabilizing its metal complexes, including its neat ketone form, singly and doubly deprotonated gem-diol forms, as well as the monoanion of its hemiacetal form (Papaefstathiou et al., 2002; Dendrinou-Samara et al., 2003; Crowder et al., 2004). Therefore, homolog compounds such as 2,6-pyridinediylbis(2-pyridyl)methanone (Chen et al., 2005) and 2,6-pyridinediylbis(3-pyridyl)methanone (Wan et al., 2008) were also synthesized and characterized.

In the present study, a new member of this family, namely 2,5-pyridinediylbis(2-pyridyl)methanone $\left(\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right)$, is reported. X-ray diffraction analysis shows that the N 2 and C 9 atoms of the 2,5 -pyridinediyl ring have an equal occupancy at the same site. Thus the molecule is centrosymmetric with two 2-pyridyl methanone groups bonding to the 2,5-pyridinediyl ring at the 2 and 5 positions, respectively. The 2-pyridyl and the center 2,5-pyridinediyl rings exhibit a dihedral angle of $50.29(9)^{\circ}$ (Fig. 1). Along the $a$ axis, the packing between the molecules is provided by weak un-covalent interaction only: $/ \mathrm{p}$-electron $\cdots / \mathrm{p}$-electron ring interaction. The distance between the centroids of the proximate pyridyl rings equals 3.845 (2) $\AA$, as shown in Fig. 2.

## Experimental

The preparation of the title compound followed the procedure previously developed for 2,6-pyridinediylbis(3pyridyl)methanone (Wan et al., 2008). The crude product was extracted with chloroform, and the combined organic extract was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and finally concentrated in vacuo to give a brown oil. Further purification by chromatography on silica gel $\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.44\right.$, eluent: ether acetate/dichloromethane $\left.=1: 6, \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v}\right)$, giving 2.96 g of light yellow powder of 2,5-pyridinediylbis(2-pyridyl)methanone in $41 \%$ yield; m.p. $108-110^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; The yellow crystals of the title compound having a average $0.40 \times 0.30 \times 0.20 \mathrm{~mm}$ dimension were obtained by slow evaporation from its solution of dichloromethane $/ \mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}-$ dimethylformamide $1 / 1(\mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})$.

## Refinement

The hydrogen atoms were placed in idealized positions and allowed to ride on the relevant carbon atoms, with $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=0.93$ $\AA$ and $U$ iso $\sim(\mathrm{H})=1.2 U \sim \mathrm{eq} \sim(\mathrm{C})$.

## Figures



Fig. 1. The atom-numbering scheme of the title compound $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}$. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level and H atoms are shown as sticks of arbitrary radii. Symmetry code: i $-x+2,-y+2,-z$.

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Fig. 2. The packing illustration of the title compound, $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}$. The red-dashed lines indicate weak $\pi \cdots \pi$ stacking interactions.

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$l=-12 \rightarrow 14$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
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Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods
Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map
Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
H -atom parameters constrained
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}\right)+(0.096 P)^{2}+0.0878 P\right]$
where $P=\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}^{2}+2 F_{\mathrm{c}}^{2}\right) / 3$
$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\text {max }}<0.001$
100 parameters
0 restraints
$\Delta \rho_{\max }=0.31$ e $\AA^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {min }}=-0.26$ e $\AA^{-3}$

## Special details

Geometry. All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two 1.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds involving 1.s. planes.

Refinement. Refinement of $F^{2}$ against ALL reflections. The weighted $R$-factor $w R$ and goodness of fit $S$ are based on $F^{2}$, conventional $R$-factors $R$ are based on $F$, with $F$ set to zero for negative $F^{2}$. The threshold expression of $F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)$ is used only for calculating $R$ factors(gt) etc. and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. $R$-factors based on $F^{2}$ are statistically about twice as large as those based on $F$, and $R$ - factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters $\left(A^{2}\right)$

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {iso }}{ }^{*} / U_{\text {eq }}$ | Occ. (<1) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| O1 | $1.3180(5)$ | $1.09147(19)$ | $0.33644(14)$ | $0.0620(6)$ |  |
| N1 | $0.7459(5)$ | $0.6838(2)$ | $0.16816(16)$ | $0.0402(4)$ |  |
| N2 | $0.9591(5)$ | $1.1260(2)$ | $0.10902(16)$ | $0.0377(4)$ | 0.50 |
| C9 | $0.9591(5)$ | $1.1260(2)$ | $0.10902(16)$ | $0.0377(4)$ | 0.50 |
| H9A | 0.9331 | 1.2127 | 0.1798 | $0.045^{*}$ | 0.50 |
| C1 | $0.9713(5)$ | $0.8073(2)$ | $0.26845(17)$ | $0.0339(4)$ |  |
| C2 | $1.0530(6)$ | $0.7939(3)$ | $0.38842(19)$ | $0.0435(5)$ |  |
| H2A | 1.2108 | 0.8826 | 0.4556 | $0.052^{*}$ |  |
| C3 | $0.8934(7)$ | $0.6452(3)$ | $0.4057(2)$ | $0.0517(6)$ |  |
| H3A | 0.9378 | 0.6331 | 0.4855 | $0.062^{*}$ |  |
| C4 | $0.6689(7)$ | $0.5157(3)$ | $0.3033(2)$ | $0.0524(6)$ |  |
| H4A | 0.5633 | 0.4134 | 0.3120 | $0.063^{*}$ |  |
| C5 | $0.6028(6)$ | $0.5402(3)$ | $0.1870(2)$ | $0.0485(6)$ |  |
| H5A | 0.4502 | 0.4519 | 0.1181 | $0.058^{*}$ |  |
| C6 | $1.1320(5)$ | $0.9691(2)$ | $0.24786(17)$ | $0.0372(5)$ |  |
| C7 | $1.0544(5)$ | $0.9809(2)$ | $0.11607(17)$ | $0.0333(4)$ |  |
| C8 | $1.0969(5)$ | $0.8553(2)$ | $0.00732(18)$ | $0.0369(5)$ |  |
| H8A | 1.1642 | 0.7573 | 0.0141 | $0.044^{*}$ |  |

Atomic displacement parameters $\left(\AA^{2}\right)$

|  | $U^{11}$ | $U^{22}$ | $U^{33}$ | $U^{12}$ | $U^{13}$ | $U^{23}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| O1 | $0.0862(13)$ | $0.0422(8)$ | $0.0381(8)$ | $-0.0157(8)$ | $-0.0097(8)$ | $0.0113(7)$ |
| N1 | $0.0422(10)$ | $0.0355(8)$ | $0.0394(9)$ | $-0.0001(7)$ | $0.0059(7)$ | $0.0136(7)$ |
| N2 | $0.0467(11)$ | $0.0295(8)$ | $0.0341(9)$ | $0.0035(7)$ | $0.0096(7)$ | $0.0092(7)$ |
| C9 | $0.0467(11)$ | $0.0295(8)$ | $0.0341(9)$ | $0.0035(7)$ | $0.0096(7)$ | $0.0092(7)$ |
| C1 | $0.0360(10)$ | $0.0330(9)$ | $0.0334(9)$ | $0.0065(7)$ | $0.0077(7)$ | $0.0128(7)$ |
| C2 | $0.0538(13)$ | $0.0404(10)$ | $0.0373(10)$ | $0.0106(9)$ | $0.0065(9)$ | $0.0157(8)$ |
| C3 | $0.0712(16)$ | $0.0510(12)$ | $0.0471(12)$ | $0.0209(11)$ | $0.0180(11)$ | $0.0299(10)$ |
| C4 | $0.0632(15)$ | $0.0379(10)$ | $0.0671(15)$ | $0.0110(10)$ | $0.0239(12)$ | $0.0291(10)$ |
| C5 | $0.0511(13)$ | $0.0355(10)$ | $0.0534(13)$ | $-0.0015(9)$ | $0.0097(10)$ | $0.0140(9)$ |
| C6 | $0.0421(11)$ | $0.0328(9)$ | $0.0326(9)$ | $0.0012(8)$ | $0.0041(8)$ | $0.0108(7)$ |


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| C7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C8 (10) | $0.0298(8)$ | $0.0335(9)$ | $-0.0016(7)$ | $0.0047(7)$ | $0.0116(7)$ |  |
|  | $0.0418(11)$ | $0.0302(8)$ | $0.0380(10)$ | $0.0041(7)$ | $0.0075(8)$ | $0.0132(7)$ |

Geometric parameters $\left({ }_{A},^{\circ}\right)$

| O1-C6 | 1.216 (2) |
| :---: | :---: |
| N1-C5 | 1.336 (3) |
| N1-C1 | 1.341 (2) |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 8^{\text {i }}$ | 1.358 (2) |
| N2-C7 | 1.360 (3) |
| N2-H9A | 0.9207 |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ | 1.386 (3) |
| C1-C6 | 1.501 (3) |
| C2-C3 | 1.385 (3) |
| C2-H2A | 0.9300 |
| C5-N1-C1 | 116.84 (17) |
| C8 ${ }^{\text {i }}$ - $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 7$ | 118.59 (16) |
| C8 ${ }^{\text {i }}$ - $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{H} 9 \mathrm{~A}$ | 118.5 |
| C7-N2-H9A | 123.0 |
| N1-C1-C2 | 123.47 (17) |
| N1-C1-C6 | 117.03 (16) |
| C2-C1-C6 | 119.48 (17) |
| C3-C2-C1 | 118.27 (19) |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A}$ | 120.9 |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A}$ | 120.9 |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 2$ | 119.06 (19) |
| C4-C3-H3A | 120.5 |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H} 3 \mathrm{~A}$ | 120.5 |
| C3-C4-C5 | 118.71 (18) |
| C3-C4-H4A | 120.6 |
| C5-N1-C1-C2 | -1.5 (3) |
| C5-N1-C1-C6 | -179.82 (19) |
| N1-C1-C2-C3 | 0.0 (3) |
| C6-C1-C2-C3 | 178.27 (19) |
| C1-C2-C3-C4 | 1.6 (3) |
| C2-C3-C4-C5 | -1.6(4) |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 4$ | 1.5 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{N} 1$ | 0.0 (4) |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 1$ | 174.7 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{O} 1$ | -3.7 (3) |
| N1-C1-C6-C7 | -4.0 (3) |


| C3-C4 | 1.372 (3) |
| :---: | :---: |
| C3-H3A | 0.9300 |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5$ | 1.383 (3) |
| C4-H4A | 0.9300 |
| C5-H5A | 0.9300 |
| C6-C7 | 1.507 (2) |
| C7-C8 | 1.385 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9^{\text {i }}$ | 1.358 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{N} 2{ }^{\text {i }}$ | 1.358 (2) |
| C8-H8A | 0.9300 |
| C5-C4-H4A | 120.6 |
| N1-C5-C4 | 123.62 (19) |
| N1-C5-H5A | 118.2 |
| C4-C5-H5A | 118.2 |
| O1-C6- C 1 | 120.89 (17) |
| O1-C6-C7 | 119.68 (16) |
| C1-C6-C7 | 119.42 (15) |
| N2-C7-C8 | 120.92 (17) |
| N2-C7-C6 | 116.89 (16) |
| C8-C7-C6 | 122.09 (16) |
| C9 ${ }^{\text {i }}$ - $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 7$ | 120.49 (17) |
| $\mathrm{N} 2{ }^{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 7$ | 120.49 (17) |
| C9 ${ }^{\text {i }}$ - $88-\mathrm{H} 8 \mathrm{~A}$ | 119.8 |
| $\mathrm{N} 2 \mathrm{i}^{\text {- }} \mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{H} 8 \mathrm{~A}$ | 119.8 |
| C7-C8-H8A | 119.8 |
| C2-C1-C6-C7 | 177.66 (17) |
| C 8 - $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8$ | 0.5 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C} 8^{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 6$ | 177.03 (17) |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{N} 2$ | -45.2 (3) |
| C1-C6-C7-N2 | 133.4 (2) |
| O1-C6-C7-C8 | 131.2 (2) |
| C1-C6-C7-C8 | -50.2 (3) |
| N2-C7-C8-C9 ${ }^{\text {i }}$ | -0.5 (3) |
| C6-C7-C8-C9 ${ }^{\text {i }}$ | -176.85 (17) |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{N} 2^{\mathrm{i}}$ | -0.5 (3) |
| C6-C7-C8- $2^{\text {i }}$ | -176.85 (17) |

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x+2,-y+2,-z$.

Fig. 1


Fig. 2


